RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

FOUNDED 1884. ENTERED VICTORIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1908.

LEAGUE PREMIERS
1920-1921.

RUNNERS-UP
1919.

Thirty-Ninth Annual Report and Balance Sheet

SEASON 1923

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE RICHMOND CRICKET GROUND on WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20, at 8 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: ALFRED WOOD, ESQ. (PRESIDENT).

BUSINESS:

Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
Election of Office-Bearers.
Presentation of Prizes.
General.

At conclusion of business a Musical Programme by well-known artists, arranged by Mr. J. Cook, Asst. Secretary. A Ballot for Election of Office-Bearers for Season 1924 will be taken. Polling, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Member's Ticket for 1923 must be produced to Poll Clerk to entitle to ballot-paper. Admission by Member's Ticket for Season 1923.

No provision will be made for members who have lost or mislaid their tickets.

OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1923.

President: ALFRED WOOD, Esq.

Vice-Presidents:

E. J. Cotter, Esq., M.L.A.; D. Henry, Esq. (Chairman of Committee); E. H. King, Esq.; L. T. Kennon, Esq.; H. R. Palling, Esq.; A. Tietgens, Esq.

Committee: Messrs. A. J. Bettles, J. Cook, T. Delaney, C. Dickinson, B. Goodwin, O. Mitchell, J. J. Smith.

Players' Representatives on Committee: Messrs. F. Hughes, N. McIntosh, M. Morris.

Richmond Cricket Club's Representatives on Committee: Messrs. H. Richardson, D. Stewart (part season), B. Welch (part season).

Richmond Juniors' Representative: Mr. H. Lisle.

Victorian Football League Delegates: Messrs. W. A. Maybury, H. R. Palling.

Auditors: G. D. Gill, Esq., Qualified Accountant; R. H. McIntyre, Esq., L.I.C.A.

Captain and Coach: Mr. D. T. Minogue.
Vice-Captain: Mr. M. Morris.
Assistant Secretary: Mr. J. Cook.
Timekeeper: Mr. W. Baker.
Masseur: Mr. D. W. Beck.
Shampooer: Mr. A. Larsen.

Training Room Staff: Messrs. J. Stokesberry (head), B. Jennings, M. Noble, F. Pleass, G. Rainford, J. Watson, E. Kohlman, E. Webster.

Door Stewards: Messrs. D. Bauld, L. Cameron.
Property Steward: Mr. G. Browne.
Boot Studders: Messrs. C. St. Vincent, F. Cowling.
"First Aids": Messrs. W. Driver, C. Mann.

Press Correspondents: Messrs. W. I. Bicknell, H. J. Gill.

Selection Committee: Messrs. A. Bettles, T. Delaney, M. Morris, D. Minogue, D. Henry.

Finance Committee: Messrs. A. Aarons, J. Cook, W. A. Maybury, H. R. Palling, E. H. King (Chairman).

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. Aarons.

Secretary: Mr. W. A. Maybury, "Shandon," 8 Union-street, Richmond. 'Phone: J. 3724.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE-BEARERS, SEASON 1924.

President (One to be Elected).

J. H. ARCHER, †E. H. KING, *A. WOOD.

*President, 1923. †Vice-President, 1923.

Vice-Presidents (Six to be Elected).

Full number required (six) to be voted for, otherwise ballot paper informal.

*E. J. COTTER, W. H. GOSCH, *D. HENRY, *L. T. KENNON, †O. MITCHELL, J. R. MOLYNEUX, *H. R. PALLING, H. L. ROBERTS, R. J. STANLEY, D. STEWART, *A. TIETGENS.

*Office-bearers, 1923. †Committee, 1923.

Committee (Seven to be elected).

Full number required (seven) to be voted for, otherwise ballot paper informal.

D. W. BECK, *A. J. BETTLES, W. BURNS, *J. COOK, *T. DELANEY, J. R. DICKINSON, E. J. FAYLE, *B. GOODWIN, C. H. HALL, W. J. T. HIGGINBOTHAM, J. H. JAMES, H. H. JONES, H. LISLE, H. ROBINSON, *J. J. SMITH, N. TURNBULL, T. WALKER, G. A. WEATHERILL.

*Office-bearers, 1923.

Hon. Treasurer (One to be Elected).

*A. AARONS, J. D. LANGDON.

Hon. Secretary (One to be Elected).

*W. A. MAYBURY, P. PAGE.

*Office-bearer 1923.

Polling 6 to 9 p.m. Member's Ticket for 1923 must be produced to obtain ballot paper. No provision for members who have lost or mislaid their tickets will be made. After voting members are respectfully requested to leave room, as accommodation is very limited.

TO THE MEMBERS

In submitting the Annual Report your Committee regrets that the earlier promise of last season was not more fully justified, as the position of our team on the Premiership Hst shows. During the season we tried forty-two players (a club record) in the League games, but it was only in the latter part of the season that our team showed anything like consistent form, when it was altogether too late to have any effect on our position. However, it is no use deploring the past; we must bend our energies to retrieving our position for 1924. Your Committee are therefore striving to strengthen the evident weaknesses that were manifested in our team, and are working hard to build up again, and have every reason to anticipate a large measure of success. Three or four first-class League players only await clearances to play for Richmond, notably W. Sharland and K. Johns, of Geelong, and A. Boromeo, of Carlton, and with the best of last season's team available (with the exception of H. James) and other players of splendid reputation from various centres your Committee confidently look forward to a speedy recovery during the coming season.

Congratulations to V.F.L. Premiers.—We heartily congratulate Essendon upon winning the V.F.L. Pennant for 1923. They played a very even, consistent game throughout the season, and as they also were "Minor Premiers," thoroughly deserved the honor. Their meteoric dash from last to first in the short space of two seasons only illustrates very forcibly the possibilities available to those who have the "will to conquer." To Fitzroy, the "runners-up," we also tender congratulations on their good play through the season. They fought to the finish gamely and valiantly, and in keeping with their best traditions went down with their flag flying defiantly to the last. Geelong made a welcome reappearance in the finals, and were undoubtedly the "public favorites." They are to be congratulated for their great improvement in the home and home matches, and their fine young team are sure to be a powerful factor in the decision of future premierships. South Melbourne are also to be commended on their appearance in the "Big Four," and the fine game they played in the "semi" against Fitzroy should hearten them greatly for the future.

Richmond Juniors.—The "Cubs" had a great season; after winning the minor Premiership, they only missed winning the laurels for the year by a small margin. They are to be highly congratulated upon their success, and can confidently look forward to going one better in 1924, and gaining the coveted honor for Richmond. The senior club helped them in every possible way, and did not call upon any of their players to serve in League games when there was a possibility of breaking up their team. The senior body also provided their coach, "Checker" Hughes, for them throughout the season, and his experienced advice and good play was a great factor in their success. Your Committee were also pleased to be able to donate the sum of £50 towards their Tasmanian trip fund. In addition motors were provided to take any Juniors that were acting as reserves for us, to or from the various grounds. Also Umpires were provided free, and free use of R.C.C. Ground for training and playing of matches was obtained by the R.F.C. for them, with 90 per cent. of nett gate receipts for their home matches from the Richmond Cricket Club through the efforts of the Seniors' representatives on the Cricket Club Committee. Members of their team were kept on our pay-list throughout the season, although they were not being selected either as players or reserves for us; in fact, as before stated, every possible help that could be suggested was extended to them right throughout the season. Mr. W. McDonnell, the Secretary of the Junior League, said at the "Cubs'" smoke social in the Richmond Town Hall that "The Richmond Juniors' League Eighteen were undoubtedly the best treated team in the Junior League, and they were indeed lucky to have such a generous senior body behind them as the Richmond Football Club."

Long-Service Recognition.—Hughie James last season completed his fifteenth year with the R.F.C., including four years at the Front during the Great War, and will receive a long-service certificate for fifteen years, together with an honorarium of £21, as a slight recognition of his sterling worth as a player and good club man during the long years through which he has worn the R.F.C. colors. It may be mentioned that "Hughie" is the first player that has topped the fifteen years "on active service" with us. "Checker" Hughes, who last year completed his tenth year (including four years at the Front) with us, has also rendered yeoman service both on the field as a player and off as a committeeman, has been honored with a life membership, and will also receive a long-service certificate for ten years, with an honorarium of £10/10/-, at the annual meeting. George Weatherill, having now served the club for five years, will receive the club certificate for that period. Your President, Mr. A. Wood, will be presented with a life-member's badge, in recognition of his services to the club, as Vice-President and President.

Players in V.F.L. Representative Teams.—June 30, at Adelaide, V. Thorp; at Ballarat, N. McIntosh, D. Hayes, J. Smith; at M.C.C. v. N.S.W., F. Harley, M. Hislop. August 18, at Sydney, N. McIntosh, F. Harley; at M.C.C. v. South Australia, V. Thorp; at Bendigo, D. Minogue, E. Taylor. In the match at Bendigo "Dan" was elected captain, and had the satisfaction of leading his team in as winners. It is gratifying to record that in every one of these games the "Tiger" representatives played splendidly, all being classed as amongst the very best on their respective sides.

Honorary Officials.—The Committee wish to sincerely thank the following gentlemen for their valued assistance throughout the season:—Dr. F. A. Bouvier for his unvarying kindness and attention to injured players. Messrs. W. Driver, C. Mann (First Aid), W. Baker (Timekeeper), D. W. Beck (Masseur), E. Saunders (Masseur), A. Larsen (Shampooer), W. Bicknell, H. J. Gill (Press Correspondents), also "Robbo," of the "Richmond Guardian," for his interesting press reports.

Richmond Cricket Club.—Very harmonious relations have existed throughout the season between ourselves and the R.C.C. They have helped us in every possible way, and in order to assist us financially gave us the splendid donation of £105. This fine gift was totally unexpected, and we desire to gratefully thank the R.C.C. Committee for their kindly and very much appreciated action, and sincerely wish them the very best of luck in their V.C.A. pennant matches. We also wish to specially thank Mr. D. P. Chessell, their energetic Hon. Secretary, for his many acts of courtesy during the football season.

Life Governor Melbourne Hospital.—Mr. O. Mitchell was elected to that honor in connection with the V.F.L. annual vote to charity.

Delegates to V.F.L.—Messrs. W. A. Maybury (Secretary), and H. R. Palling (Vice-President) again looked after the interests of your club in an efficient manner at the meetings of the ruling body in Victorian football.

Social.—During the season the social side of the club was well looked after, and many very pleasant evenings were spent in "Cinderella Dances" at the Pavilion, players' meetings, etc. A theatre party at the Tivoli, with supper afterwards tendered to the players, staff, and committee, by Messrs. E. H. King (Vice-President), L. T. Kennon (Vice-President), and O. Mitchell (Committee) meriting special mention. Mr. Kennon also very kindly extended invitations to the committee for the theatre party and supper he gave to the "Cubs" in recognition of the gallant fight they were putting up for the Junior League Premiership. "The Tigers" Complimentary Ball to the players and ladies of the social committee at the Richmond Town Hall in September was a brilliant success, a great crowd being present, and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. A. Wood, W. A. Maybury, A. Aarons, O. Mitchell, J. Cook and A. Bettles; and everything went from start to finish without a hitch. During the evening a presentation was made to the Secretary (Mr. W. A. Maybury), as a souvenir of his attendance at 250 consecutive V.F.L. games played by the Richmond Club, the 250th being that against Collingwood at Richmond, on August 11, when we were victorious by 21 points.

Attendances at Committee Meetings.—Number held, 21; A. Wood, 20; H. R. Palling, 19; A. Tietgens, 17; D. Henry 16; E. J. Cotter, 10; L. T. Kennon, 1 (leave of absence granted); E. H. King, 14; A. Aarons, 21; J. Cook, 21; T. Delaney, 10; C. Dickinson, 11; B. Goodwin, 15; O. Mitchell, 19; J. J. Smith, 20; N. McIntosh, 18; F. Hughes, 14; M. Morris, 18; H. Lisle (Juniors' Rep.), 9; H. Richardson (R.C.C. Rep.), 8; D. Stewart (R.C.C. Rep.), 6 (resigned); B. Welch, 4 (R.C.C. Rep., elected late in season); W. A. Maybury, 21; A. Lewis (R.C.C. Rep.), 4; P. Page (Jun. Rep.), 3; A. J. Bettles, 20.

LIFE MEMBERS.

The list now stands as follows:—J. Charles, 1885; J. Eastman, 1896; J. J. Stewart, 1897; A. Elder, 1898; J. H. Egan, 1899; W. Malone, 1900; W. J. Bicknell, 1902; C. Backhouse, 1904; A. McNair, 1905; G. R. P. Beachcroft, 1906; A. Edmonds, 1908; A. A. Manzie, 1909; C. Whitaker, 1910; J. H. Archer, 1912; W. A. Maybury, 1912; A. Tietgens, 1914; G. McIntosh, 1915; J. H. James, 1915; R. T. Kelly, 1916; W. H. Lohse, 1916; B. V. Herbert, 1917; P. H. Maybury, 1917; S. W. Reeves, 1919; V. C. Thorp, 1919; C. B. Hall, 1920; D. Henry, 1920; A. Aarons, 1921; T. Delaney, 1921; A. J. Bettles, 1922; B. Goodwin, 1922; F. V. Hughes, 1923; A. Wood, 1923.

Thanks for Donations.—Your committee wish to place on record their grateful obligation to the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted the club as set out in the donation lists.

Retirements.—"Hughie" James.—It is with deep regret we have to notify the retirement from the playing arena of "Hughie" James who, after fifteen years (including four years at the Front) sterling, strenuous play on the field, has finally decided to retire. One of the very best who ever played in the "Yellow and Black" of the "Tigers," he is going out with his powers unimpaired, and his "blushing honors thick upon him." His place will indeed be hard to fill. During his long career, the welfare of the side only was his paramount object when playing; never a suggestion of selfishness or unmanly play mars his brilliant record, and he is leaving the game respected and esteemed by all of the many footballers who have played with and against him. A testimonial to mark our appreciation of his manifold good services to the club is being organised, and a committee to carry same through will shortly be formed. Meanwhile, those wishing to help can send subscriptions along to members of committee or the secretary.

F. V. Hughes ("Checker") is also contemplating retirement after ten years (including four years at the Front) with us. "Checker" is one of the best "team play" footballers who have stripped for Richmond. His sterling play roving and half-forward was a main factor in keeping our team at the top of the list in the years of 1919, 1920, and 1921. He was coach of the "Cubs" last year, and the success of that team was undoubtedly due to his good play and the systematic methods he introduced.

George Weatherill, who completed his fifth year last season, is also giving the League game up, as he finds that his business engagements will not allow him to give the necessary attention to training which is so essential nowadays to the success of a senior player. He intends, however, to still keep up his connection with our club, and is a candidate for a seat on the committee at the forthcoming election.

PLAYERS FOR 1923 AND NUMBER OF MATCHES THEY TOOK PART IN. (Matches Played, 16).

Minogue, 16; Thorpe, 16; Hayes, 16; McIntosh, 15; M. Hislop, 15; Harley, 15; James, 15; Turnbull, 12; Taylor, 10; Griffiths, 10; J. Smith, 10; G. Hislop, 10; G. Weatherill, 9; Fraser, 9; Don, 9; Morris, 8; Huggard, 8; McCaskill, 8; Bayliss, 7; Karthaus, 7; MacIsaac, 7; Harrison, 7; Spain, 6; K. Rush, 6; Wootton, 6; Connors, 4; Osmond, 4; Pollock, 3; Hughes, 2; Threlfall, 2; Petzke, 2; MacLeod, 2; Dobrigh, 2; Oakley, 2; Brunning, 1; Brady, 1; R. Weatherill, 1; Ross, 1; Wright, 1; Lynch, 1; McCormick, 1; Kight, 1.

RESULTS SEASON 1923.—MATCHES WON, 4; LOST 12.

Date	Versus.	Result.	For			Against			Where Played.
			G.	B.	Points.	G.	B.	Points.	
May 5	Melbourne	Won	7	13	55	7	8	50	Melbourne
„ 19	Carlton	Lost	7	10	52	8	12	60	Richmond
„ 26	St. Kilda	Lost	8	8	56	8	13	61	Richmond.
June 4	Collingwood	Lost	5	14	44	11	15	81	Collingwood
„ 9	Essendon	Lost	9	11	65	12	15	87	Richmond
„ 16	Geelong	Won	8	8	56	6	14	50	Geelong
„ 23	South Melbourne	Lost	4	10	34	12	13	85	South Melbourne
July 7	Fitzroy	Lost	6	15	51	10	10	70	Richmond
„ 14	Melbourne	Won	11	17	83	11	12	78	Richmond
„ 28	Carlton	Lost	5	10	40	8	11	59	Carlton
August 4	St. Kilda	Lost	3	7	25	8	12	60	St. Kilda
„ 11	Collingwood	Won	11	10	76	6	19	55	Richmond
„ 25	Essendon	Lost	8	6	54	9	8	62	Essendon
Sept. 1	Geelong	Lost	10	19	79	13	13	91	Richmond
„ 8	South Melbourne	Lost	8	7	55	14	16	100	Richmond
„ 15	Fitzroy	Lost	11	15	81	13	11	89	Fitzroy
			121	180	906	156	202	1138	

GOAL-KICKERS.

Fraser, 18; Harley, 14; M. Morris, 13; Hayes, 10; Bayliss, 10; Don, 10; James, 8; Turnbull, 8; Griffiths, 7; Minogue, 5; K. Rush, 4; G. Weatherill, 3; Connors, 3; Lynch, 2; McIntosh, 1; Hughes, 1; Spain, 1; Wootton, 1; Harrison, 1; Huggard, 1.

CASH DONATIONS.

A. Wood	£3	3	0	E. H. King	3	3	0	W. H. A. Roger	1	1	0	D. Donnelly	1	1	0
Richmond Cricket Club	105	0	0	W. A. Maybury	3	3	0	Robinson & Co.	1	1	0	C. Marriott	1	1	0
				H. B. Taylor	2	2	0	A. Whitaker	1	1	0	E. J. Cotter	1	1	0
Ladies' Social Committee	15	0	0	S. Parsons	2	2	0	R. E. Charles	1	1	0	F. R. Murray	1	1	0
				Dr. Bouvier	2	2	0	W. Malone	1	1	0	T. Francis	1	0	0
Syd. Sherrin	5	5	0	D. Henry	2	2	0	S. Palling	1	1	0	A. G. Copland	1	0	0
T. Kennon	5	5	0	H. H. Bell	2	2	0	Miss Annie Green	1	1	0	J. Garside	1	0	0
Les. T. Kennon	5	5	0	J. Wells	1	11	6	H. R. Cohen	1	1	0	J. Campbell	0	10	6
K. Hansen	5	5	0	W. Wells	1	11	6	W. Davidson	1	1	0	J. Johnston	0	10	6
J. H. Archer	5	5	0	C. Slingo	1	1	0	Mrs. Edwards	1	1	0	Dr. Triado	0	10	6
W. Dunne	3	3	0	J. H. Scullin	1	1	0	H. Stevenson	1	1	0	Head & Co.	0	10	6
A. Tietgens	3	3	0	D. Chessell	1	1	0	C. R. Boston	1	1	0	J. Heron	0	10	0
Asher & Co.	3	3	0	L. Shattell	1	1	0	B. Goodwin	1	1	0				
													£206	9	0

OTHER DONATIONS.

Australian Knitting Mills, 2 dozen jerseys, 2 dozen pairs stockings as uniforms for team; Bosisto & Co., "Parrot Brand" eucalyptus oil for training for whole of season; D. Stewart, training essentials, value £5/5/-; Les. T. Kennon, laces for training, etc., for whole of season; Richmond Cricket Club, medallions and ladies' tickets for players on training list. For Players' Prizes:—Mr. Alfred Wood (President), £5/5/-; L. T. Kennon (Vice-President), £5/5/-; E. H. King (Vice-President), £2/2/-; P. D. Scriven, trophy (cutlery in case); H. R. Palling (Vice-President), £2/2/-; "The Limericks," £3/3/-; J. R. Molyneux, gold medal; F. S. Smyth, £1/1/-; W. McMinn, £1/1/-; Head & Co., 10/-; Richmond Football Club, £15/15/-; H. Goodman, men's mercery, value £3/3/-; W. Allen, framed picture.

PRIZES TO PLAYERS.

Cutlery in case, J. H. James; gold medal, J. Spain; framed picture, S. Wootton; men's mercery, Mel Morris; trophies, value 42/- each, to N. McIntosh, V. Thorp, E. Taylor, M. Mislop, G. Hislop, Geo. Weatherill, F. Harley, D. Hayes, G. Bayliss, D. Minogue, N. Turnbull, J. Smith, D. Fraser, J. Harrison, F. Huggard, R. McCaskill, D. Don; trophies, value 21/- each, to K. Rush, F. Hughes, J. Karthaus, A. MacIsaac, M. Connors, H. Pollock, K. Osmond.

ALFRED WOOD, President.
D. HENRY, Vice-President (Chairman of Committee).
W. A. MAYBURY, Secretary.

RICHMOND FOOTBALL CLUB

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT SEASON 1923

RECEIPTS.						EXPENDITURE.			
To Balance Season 1922				£186	2 2	By V.F.L. Delegates' Fees		£2	2 0
" Final Dividend, V.F.L.				362	2 6	" Expenses Annual Meeting		40	18 0
" Membership Tickets: 4224 at 7/6				1584	0 0	" Printing, Stationery and Postage		130	10 6
" Donations				206	9 0	" Uniforms, Boots and Training Requisites		194	1 2
" Interest on Debentures				5	0 0	" Auditors' Fees		6	6 0
" Receipts—home Matches:						" Tours and Trips		28	15 6
Practice Matches	£56	1	4			" Payments to Players		1760	16 6
Carlton	129	15	9			" Trainers, Coach and Doorkeepers		494	8 6
St. Kilda	142	6	0			" Insurance to Players		62	15 0
Essendon	96	10	9			" Bootstudders		20	0 0
Fitzroy	55	3	1			" Refreshments		125	2 9
Melbourne	31	16	4			" Travelling Expenses		140	14 3
Collingwood	50	19	9			" Secretary's Expenses		135	0 0
Geelong	108	10	11			" Medical Expenses		74	11 9
South Melbourne	152	0	9			" Donations		127	15 0
				823	4 8	" Lighting, Heating and Telephone		20	11 9
" Receipts—Other Grounds:						" Laundry		14	12 0
Melbourne	£103	9	5			" Amusement Tax		123	4 0
Collingwood	127	13	9			" Honorariums:			
South Melbourne	96	12	3			Secretary		30	0 0
Geelong	47	18	10			Assistant-Secretary		20	0 0
St. Kilda	107	15	6			Hon. Treasurer		30	0 0
Carlton	68	2	9			F. V. Hughes		10	10 0
Essendon	71	8	1			H. James		21	0 0
Fitzroy	25	15	8			" Sundries		59	18 5
				648	16 2	" Long Service Certificates, Life Members' Medallions		16	0 0
						" Balance—Cash in hand	£8 0 6		
						Cash in Bank	118 0 11		
								126	1 5
				£3815	14 6			£3815	14 6

BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
Liabilities	£336 1 5	Debentures, Richmond Cricket Club, 100 at £1	£100 0 0
		Furniture, Fittings and Materials	35 0 0
		Wertheim Piano	75 0 0
		Cash on Hand and in Bank	126 1 5
Excess Assets over Liabilities	£336 1 5		£336 1 5

We, the undersigned, have examined the Books and Accounts of the above Club for Season 1923, and, in our opinion, the Receipts and Expenditure Account, together with the Balance Sheet set our above, represents the true position of the Club's affairs. The audit was facilitated by the excellent state of the Books and Accounts and by the assistance which was rendered to us by the Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

A. AARONS, Hon. Treasurer.
W. A. MAYBURY, Secretary.

R. McINTYRE, Lic. Aud., L.I.C.A.,
GEO. D. GILL, Qualified Accountant,
5/2/24.
} Auditors

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